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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/49/101 OF 18 April 1994, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint five persons to fill vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), effective 31 December 1994.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Ahmad Fathi Al-Masri (Syrian Arab Republic);

Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania);

Mr. Elias Mfute Chalwe Kazembe (Zambia);

Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali);

Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados);

Mr. C. S. M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania);

Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

AHMAD FATHI AL-MASRI

Place and date of birth	Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, 1932
Academic background	Graduated in law from Damascus University in 1954 and specialized in public law
Professional career	
1954-1957	Attorney-at-law
1957-1958	Financial Inspector in the Ministry of Finance
1958	Joined the diplomatic service and served in Cairo (1958), Baghdad (1960), Cyprus (1965-1967) and Chile (1978-1982)
1958-1969	Deputy Director of the Department of Asian Affairs (1958-1960); Department of Cultural Affairs (1962-1965); and Western European Department (1967-1969) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1969-1975 1982-1983	Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations and representative to the General Assembly (twenty-fourth to twenty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first sessions) and to its Main Committees - First Committee (Political and Security); Second Committee (Economic); Fifth Committee (Administrative) and Sixth Committee (Legal) Sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic and Social Council and Habitat 1973: First session of the Committee of Experts on International Terrorism 1974: Sixth special session of the General Assembly (establishment of a new international economic order) First session of the Third International Conference on the Law of the Sea Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme United Nations Visiting Mission to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands

	Chairman of Sub-Committee I of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, dealing with economic and military activities of the colonial powers in the territories and countries under their domination
1983-1987	Director-General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences and member of the Syrian delegation to the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first sessions of the General Assembly and Deputy Head of the Syrian Arab Republic delegation to the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the General Assembly
1987	Vice-President of the General Assembly at its forty-second session
1987-1990	Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations
1989	Chairman of the Fifth Committee at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly and sixteenth special session of the Assembly (apartheid and its destructive consequences in southern Africa)
1990	Chairman of the Fifth Committee at the seventeenth special session of the General Assembly (Question of international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances) and the eighteenth special session (International economic cooperation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries)
	Currently: member of ACABQ
1990-1993	Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Untied Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna and to other international organizations
	Consul General of the Syrian Arab Republic in Switzerland
	Participated in the sessions of the International Labour Conference

Headed the Syrian delegation to the meeting of the Asian States to the World Conference on Human Rights (Bangkok), to the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and to the sessions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Representative to:

The non-aligned and Islamic summit and ministerial conferences held at Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, Harare, Kuwait, Belgrade, Luanda, New Delhi, Istanbul, Georgetown, Pyongyong and Sana'a

Meetings of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries

World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna

International Conference for the Protection of War Victims, Geneva

Languages spoken — Arabic, English and Spanish

Family — Two daughters

IOAN BARAC

Date and place of birth	10 April 1937, Alamor, Romania
Marital status	Married (2 sons)
Languages	English and French
Education	Academy for Economic Studies of Bucharest, Finances, Credit and Accounting Faculty, 1961
	Master's degree in International Relations, University of Bucharest, 1964
	Training programme of the Economic Commission for Europe, 1969-1970
Professional activities	
1993	Deputy Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations
1992-1993	Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations
1990-1991	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations
1990	Counsellor, Romanian Embassy in London
1986-1989	Economist, National Bank of Romania
1979-1985	Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1974-1978	First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1970-1973	Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1967-1968	Third Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1964-1966	Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1962-1964	Fellow, postgraduate course in international relations
1961-1962	Inspector, National Bank of Romania

International activities

Attended various international meetings such as:

Regular sessions of the General Assembly: 1990-1994 and 1981-1985 (Second and Fifth Committees) and 1965-1967 (Fifth Committee)

Economic and Social Council: 1994, 1992, 1974-1976

UNDP (Governing Council): 1993, 1991

UNICEF (Executive Board): 1992

Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 1994

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992

United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 1979

UNCTAD III (1972, Santiago de Chile) and UNCTAD IV (1976, Nairobi)

Trade and Development Board, Geneva, 1971-1979

IMF-IBRD, Board of Governors (1973, Washington, D.C., and 1976, Manila)

UNIDO I (1971, Vienna) and UNIDO II (1975, Lima)

Industrial Development Board - Vienna, 1967-1971

Ministerial meetings of the Group of 77 in New York, 1990-1994

Global meeting on economic cooperation among developing countries in the food and agriculture sector, Bucharest, 1984

High-level meeting of officials responsible for industrial manpower training in developing countries, Bucharest, 1982

Ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 on science and technology for development, Bucharest, 1979

Economic cooperation among developing countries, Mexico, 1976

Offices held

Vice-Chairman of the Main Committee of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Barbados, 1994

Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the above-mentioned Conference, 1993-1994

Vice-Chairman of the nineteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, New York, 1993

Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, 1991

Rapporteur of the twelfth session of the Committee on Natural Resources, 1991

Other activities

Co-author of the Romanian Diplomatic Dictionary

Author of more than 100 articles on various international economic issues published in Romanian newspapers and magazines

ELIAS MFUTE CHALWE KAZEMBE

Date and place of birth	5 May 1951, Serenje, Zambia
Academic background	B.A. (Economics), University of Zambia, 1975
	Postgraduate diploma, Central School of Planning and Statistics, Varjwa, Poland, 1977
Work experience	
1993	Currently Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry
1991-1993	Assistant Director, Investment Planning and Research, National Commission for Development Planning
1989-1991	Deputy High Commissioner of Zambia
	Zambia High Commission to Canada (Head of the Chancery), Ottawa
1986-1989	Counsellor (Economic Affairs), Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations, New York
1986-1979	First Secretary (Economic Affairs), Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations, New York
1979-1976	Senior Economist, National Commission for Development Planning
1976-1975	Economist, National Commission for Development Planning
1970-1971	Management trainee, National Commercial Bank, Ndola
1970	Staff, Zambia Copper Consolidated Mines, Chingola
Professional career	
1993 to present	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry. Duties consist of being the head of administration for the whole Ministry. Assists in coordinating the work and policy analysis in the areas of trade, industry, companies, patents, standardization

1991-1992	Assistant Director, Investment Planning and Research Department, National Commission for Development Planning. Duties consisted of coordinating public capital investment, analysing domestic economy and advising on policy options, formulating medium-term plans and undertaking research, and identifying both public and private investment opportunities
1989-1991	Deputy High Commissioner, Zambia High Commission to Canada, Ottawa
	Head of the Chancery
1979-1989	Member of the diplomatic staff of the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations
	Responsible for economic and humanitarian activities of the United Nations system
	Alternate Zambian representative on the Security Council in 1979/80 and 1983/84
1986-1989	Economic Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations, New York
	Representing Zambia at the United Nations and its related agencies on economic and humanitarian matters
1986-1989	Economic Counsellor
1979-1986	First Secretary, Economic Affairs, Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations
1975-1979	Senior Economist, National Commission for Development Planning. Responsible for manufacturing and trade sector; planning and monitoring project implementation in the Ministries and public falling under the manufacturing and trade sector

United Nations experience

1986-1991	Member of Committee on Contributions
1986-1988	Member of Committee for Programme and Coordination
1982-1984 1988-1989	Member of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

1980-1982	Member of the Governing Board of UNICEF
1981-1983 1986-1988	Member of the Economic and Social Council

Conferences and other meetings

1989	Delegate to the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, Belgrade
1988	Spokesman of the African Group on the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD)
1987	Delegate to the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva
1986	Zambian representative to the eleventh session of Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Cairo Delegate to the Eighth Conference of Heads of States or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, Harare
1983	Delegate to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Nairobi
1981	Zambia's representative to the first meeting of Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Caracas
1979	Delegate to: First United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, Havana
1978-1988	Attended eleven sessions of the General Assembly and served as representative on the Second Committee (Economic and Financial Questions), 1978-1982, and Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Questions), 1983-1988.

MAHAMANE AMADOU MAIGA

Date of birth	4 January 1958
Place of birth	Douékiré c/Goundam, Republic of Mali
Marital status	Married
Schools attended	
1966-1972	Primary school, Douékiré
1972-1975	Secondary school, Goundam
1975-1978	Badalabougou Lycée, Bamako
	Baccalauréat - Philosophy series - Languages
University education	
1978-1982	National School of Administration of Algeria
	Major: Diplomacy Degree: Master's
1983	Date of entry into public service Registration No. 481-15S Counsellor, Foreign Affairs
1993-1994	St. John's University, New York Public Administration
Employment	
1983-1986	Counsellor responsible for cooperation between Mali and the United Nations system
1987-1988	Head of United Nations/Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Division, European Community
1989	Acting Head of the Department of International Cooperation
1990-1994	15 January 1990 - appointed to the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations (New York) as Second Counsellor (responsible for economic, social, administrative and budgetary questions)

Fifth Committee experience

1986-1988	Alternate representative to the Fifth Committee
1990-1994	Representative of Mali to the Fifth Committee
1994	Member of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts in the legal and financial fields established under General Assembly resolution 48/218

Training courses and seminars

September 1984	Training course at EEC headquarters and ACP headquarters, Brussels
November 1985	World Bank workshop on technical assistance and development (Washington, D.C.)
March-August 1991	Participant in UNITAR training course for economic advisers on basic concepts and current international issues in the field of economics
April-July 1991	Participant in UNITAR workshop on international affairs
June 1991	Participant in UNITAR seminar for diplomats on multilateral negotiations of legal instruments
March 1992	Participant in UNITAR seminar on peace-keeping operations, New York
June 1992	Participant in UNITAR/World Bank seminar for economic advisers to the United Nations, Washington D.C.

National experience

1982-1985	Assisted in the preparation of documents for the first and second donor, Round Tables on economic recovery and development in Mali
1983-1989	Member of the National Committee for World Food Day
1983-1989	Member of the National Committee for the International Day of Shelter for the Homeless
	Participant at the national level in numerous seminars, including seminars on the management of United Nations projects, human settlements, the dairy sector, housing and development financing

1982-1989	Member of the Committee on Planning and Cooperation responsible for reviewing and monitoring the implementation of various projects of cooperation between Mali, bilateral and multilateral organizations and non-governmental organizations

International experience

1986-1988	Participant in the forty-second to forty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly
1988	Member of the delegation of Mali to the meeting of the ad hoc Committee of the Whole on the mid-term evaluation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (1986-1990)
1985	Member of the delegation of Mali to the Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, Luanda
1986	Member of the delegation of Mali to the Ministerial meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Yaoundé
1987	Head of the delegation of Mali to the meeting on the programming of projects of technical cooperation between developing countries, Tunis
1983	Participant in the meetings of the Group of 77 in Tunis and New York
July 1989	Member of the delegation of Mali to the Twenty-fifth Summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Addis Ababa

Membership in associations

- Member of the American Political Science Association
- Member of the North American Political Science Association

Languages

- French, English, Arabic (very good knowledge), Russian (intermediate level)

E. BESLEY MAYCOCK

Current position

Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations

Employment history

1 July 1990 to present	Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations
1 August 1987 to 30 June 1990	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture
January to June 1987	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Employment, Labour Relations and Community Development
1985-1986	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1971-1985	Senior Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1967-1970	Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture
1966-1967	Administrative Assistant, Ministry of Agriculture
1963-1966	Regional Representative with Longmans, Green Publishers
1959-1962	Administrative Officer, West Indies Federal Government
1958-1959	History teacher, Combermere School

Education and training

1969	Graduate Institute of International Relations, Geneva: Carnegie Fellowship in International Relations
1967	University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. Institute of International Relations: diplomatic training
1954-1958	University College of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica (now University of the West Indies): B.A. (Honours). History
1951-1954	Harrison College
1945-1951	Combermere School
1940-1945	St. Giles' Boys School

Personal

Born: 5 January 1935; married; two children

Activities and career highlights

1 August 1987-30 June 1990

Employment

As the administrative head and Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the autonomous departments under its umbrella, was accountable to the political directorate for the preparation and presentation of the annual budget and any subsequent requests for supplementary vote; approved all major personnel changes; responsible for the performance and effective functioning of divisions and autonomous departments; policy adviser to the Minister.

Activities

Regional: Member of two boards of the Caribbean Examination Council, the region's public examining board for school leavers at the secondary level: (a) the Administrative and Finance Committee and (b) Council, the supreme decision-making body

Member of the Technical Advisory Committee, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica, and University Grants Committee; Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

International: Member of Barbados delegation to the World Conference on Education for All (5-9 March 1990, Jontien, Thailand)

Head of Barbados delegation to the eighth meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committee of Ministers of Education, 30 April-4 May 1990, Port of Spain

Member of the Barbados delegation to the General Assembly, forty-third session, 1988-1989

Elected to serve as a member of the United Nations Commission against Apartheid

Special envoy of the Prime Minister to the General Assembly (June 1988)

Member of Barbados delegation to the seventh meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committee of Ministers of Education, May 1988, Georgetown

1987 (January-July)

Employment

As Deputy Permanent Secretary worked with the Permanent Secretary to manage the affairs of the Ministry of Employment, Labour Relations and Community Development

Activities

Regional: Member of the Regional Labour Board

International: Member of the Barbados delegation to the OAS Inter-American Council for Education (Washington, 1987)

Member of the Barbados delegation to the UNESCO General Conference (Paris, 1987)

1971-1986

Employment

Senior Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs); held several portfolios:

1971-1972	Head of the Caribbean Desk
1972-1976	Counsellor, Mission at Ottawa
1976-1978	Chief of Protocol and Head of the Administrative Desk of the Ministry
1979/01-07	Counsellor and Chargé d'affaires, Barbados Mission to the United Nations in New York
1979/07-1985/08	Minister Counsellor in the Barbados Mission to the United Nations in New York
1985/09-1986	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Activities

Regional: Member of the Barbados delegation to meetings of the CARICOM Council of Ministers (Georgetown, 1971-1972)

Adviser to the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on the establishment of a foreign service department; organized the training courses for prospective diplomats (1978)

Member of the Barbados delegation to the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries (Havana, 1979)

Leader of the Barbados delegation to the meting of CARICOM Standing Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Belize City, 1986)

1971-1986

International: Member of the Barbados delegation to the General Assembly, thirty-third session, 1978-1979

Member of the Barbados delegation to the Economic and Social Council, 1979-1981; Leader of the delegation to the first regular session, 1979

Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against Apartheid in Sports, 1980-1985; during this chairmanship, led several delegations of the Committee to consultations with Member Governments on the issue of apartheid; also led a delegation of the Committee to two conferences on apartheid: to London in 1983 and to Paris in 1985

Vice-Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries (1981, 1982); 1981, Chairman of a working group; 1982, Chairman of Working Group A

Vice-Chairman, Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Committee), thirty-seventh session, 1982-1983

Chairman, Fifth Committee, thirty-ninth session, 1984-1985

Member of the Barbados delegation to the General Assembly, forty-first session, 1986-1987

Member of the Barbados delegation to the special session on the financial crisis facing the United Nations

Chairman, Credentials Committee, 1992

Chairman, Commission against Apartheid in Sports, 1992

1958-1967

Miscellaneous employment: Several jobs including that of teacher at one of the island's leading secondary schools and later an officer with the now defunct West Indies Federation; in the post-Federation period, 1962/63, worked with the Interim Commission set up to handle all administrative matters pertaining to the end of the Federation and the abolition of its civil service.

International activities: Member of the Barbados inaugural delegation to the UNESCO General Conference (Paris, 1968)

C. S. M. MSELLE

Date of birth: 1938

Academic qualifications: B.A. (Honours), London, 1964

Career service

Joined government service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 19 April 1964

Training in diplomacy and international relations, Columbia University, New York, 1964-1965

Assistant Research Officer, Legal and Research Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1965-1966

Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1966-1968

Second Secretary, Embassy of United Republic of Tanzania, Cairo, 1968-1969

First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Tanzanian Mission to the United Nations, 1969-1972

Counsellor, 1972

Director of Administration and Personnel Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dar-es-Salaam, 1973-1975

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, 1981

Conferences and committees

Tanzanian delegate to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly; alternate representative, Special Political Committee, 1966

Tanzanian delegate at the twenty-second to the twenty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly; representative in the Fifth Committee, 1967-1974

Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1969-1971

Tanzanian representative, Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 1969-1971

Rapporteur of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1970-1971

Member of ACABQ, 1971-1974; Chairman of ACABQ since 1975

Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 1970-1971

Chairman, Fifth Committee, twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, 1973

Vice-Chairman, Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements, New York, 1973

MOHAMED MAHMOUD OULD EL GHAOUTH

Date and place of birth 20 December 1952, Kiffa, Mauritania

Academic background

Bachelor of Arts, American University, Washington, D.C., 1981

Certificate of admission to third year, Pahlavi University, Tehran, 1978

Diploma in disarmament training, United Nations, 1985

Current activities

First Counsellor, assigned to the Second Committee, the Fifth Committee and the First Committee

Executive Representative of the Sahel constituency to the Council of the Global Environment Facility, 1995-1997

Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions, 1990-1995

Co-Chairman of Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1993-1995

Previous activities

1970-1971	Chief, National Budget Commitments Division, Ministry of Finance
1972	Tax Collector, Department of Kobenni
1973	Tax Collector, Department of Tintane
1974	Tax Collector, Department of Mjoudjeria
	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation the same year
1975-1976	Attaché and Third Secretary, Embassy of Mauritania at Abidjan
1976-1978	Second Secretary and First Secretary, Embassy of Mauritania at Tehran
1978-1981	First Secretary and Second Counsellor, Embassy of Mauritania at Washington, D.C.
1982	Assistant Administrator, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

1982-1994	Second Counsellor and First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the United Nations, New York
1982-1993	Member of the delegation to all sessions of the United Nations General Assembly; representative on the Sixth Committee, the Second Committee, the Special Political Committee, the First Committee and the Fifth Committee
1982-1994	Responsible for matters relating to the Arab Group, the Group of 77, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the African Group of Economic Experts, New York
1984-1992	Representative or observer at all sessions of the Governing Council of UNDP/UNFPA; spokesman for the African Group during the negotiations in New York and Geneva on the fourth and fifth programming cycles of UNDP
1984-1992	Observer at most sessions of the Economic and Social Council, New York-Geneva
1984-1992	Observer at sessions of the Executive Board of UNICEF in New York and of the Governing Council of United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi
1987	Representative to the International Conference on the Relationship between Development and Disarmament, New York
1989-1990	Representative to the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Geneva, and member of the delegation to the Conference, Paris
1990	Representative to the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic cooperation, in particular the revitalization and development of developing countries, New York
1990	Member of the Commission on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, Geneva-New York
1990-1992	Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and Working Group I of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, New York-Nairobi-Geneva, and delegate to the Conference, Rio de Janeiro
1991-1992	Vice-Chairman of Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change, Washington-Nairobi-Geneva-New York

1991-1994	Representative to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Biodiversity Convention, Nairobi-Geneva-Rio de Janeiro
1992-1994	Representative to the negotiations on the restructuring and replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, Washington-Abidjan-Rome-Beijing-Paris-Cartagena-Geneva
1993-1994	Representative to the negotiations on the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, Geneva-New York-Paris

Other previous activities

Chairman of the Committee on the Review of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development; representative to the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation between Developing Countries and to the Committee on Science and Technology; observer to the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Population Commission, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Information and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

Participation in high-level regional meetings

1975	Summit of the Heads of State of member countries of the West African Economic Community, Burkina Faso
1976	Summit of the Heads of State of member countries of Air Afrique, Côte d'Ivoire
1975-1976	Regular conferences of the African Development Bank, Côte d'Ivoire
1981	Summit meeting of the Heads of State of countries bordering the Sahara, Mauritania
1981-1993	Annual conferences of the Arab Ministers for Foreign Affairs, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of 77, New York
1991	Conference of African Ministers of the Environment, Kenya
1992	First and Second Regional African Ministerial Preparatory Conferences for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Egypt and Côte d'Ivoire
1992	Ministerial Conference of developing countries to harmonize their positions at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Malaysia

1994 Ministerial Conference in preparation for the Summit Meeting of Heads of State of member countries of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, Cape Verde

International training courses and seminars

Six months' disarmament training in Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan and the United States. Study of the executive, legislative and judiciary systems of the United States in Washington, D.C., California, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia and New York. Functioning of the world economy, including management of external debt (World Bank and International Monetary Fund), Washington, D.C.

Seminars: Workshop on the negotiation of international legal instruments (United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)), New York. The role of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including the Bretton Woods institutions (UNITAR), New York. Calculation and use of economic indicators (UNITAR), Washington, D.C. Assimilation of climatic change parameters (WMO), Geneva and Nairobi. Workshop on joint implementation of the Framework Convention on Climate Change (World Bank), Mexico. Assessment of progress achieved in the joint implementation of the Framework Convention on Climate Change (United States), Bermuda.

Languages spoken: Arabic, French, English, Spanish and Persian.